

Monadnock Regional School District (MRSD)
School Board Meeting Minutes
(Approved Minutes)
February 21, 2012
Monadnock Regional MS/HS, Swanzey, NH

Members Present: Ed Jacod, Pat Bauries, Richard Thackston, Bruce Barlow, Mike Morrison, Winston Wright, Jen Labadie, Lisa Steadman, Mike Blair, Phyllis Peterson and Eric Stanley. **Absent:** James Carnie, Scott Ellsworth, William Felton and unassigned seat from Roxbury.

Administration present: D. Hodgdon, Superintendent, K. Craig, Assistant Superintendent, Troy Kennett, Director of Student Services and Kathy Schnyer

Also present: J. Smith, B. Tatro, M. Suarez, D. Mousette and J. Butterfield.

“The goal of the Monadnock Regional Board is to be the Best School District in the State.”

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

2. Consent Agenda: MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 7, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries **VOTE:** 9.351/0/2.116/3.533. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson **MOVED** to accept the February 7, 2012 litigation Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 9.351/0/2.116/3.533. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the February 7, 2012 Student Issue Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 9.351/0/2.116/3.533. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the February 7, 2012 Compensation Non-Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 9.351/0/2.116/3.533. **Motion passes. MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the February 11, 2012 Public Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** W. Wright. **VOTE:** 6.402//0/5.064/3.533. **Motion passes.**

3. Student Government Report: There is no Student Government Report.

4. BUSINESS MANAGER’S REPORT: D. Hodgdon explained the Board had received per pupil cost information from J. Fortson. The cost per pupil is higher at the high school level and has gone down at the elementary level.

5. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

1. Correspondence and Announcements: D. Hodgdon explained K. Schnyer would be taking the votes for the Board in J. Fortson’s absence.

J. Butterfield reported he is working on completing the staff evaluations. He is planning for next year’s staff reductions and modifying the classes. The Swim Team

finished 6th place in Division II. This is the best a Monadnock Swim Team has ever done. Progress reports will go out in March. Singing in the Rain will be performed on March 8, 9 and 10.

B. Tatro reported the DI Team is meeting. She explained the Middle School is working at Mt. Caesar on a Community Services Learning Project. They have raised hundreds of dollars for the Humane Society. They will have Love to Read Week and every student will receive a free book. Staff evaluations have begun.

J. Smith reported Cutler's activity afternoon was a success. He is asking the Board for \$132.00 to purchase banners to recognize the boys and girls basketball teams.

MOTION: P. Peterson **MOVED** to purchase a girls and a boys basketball banner in the amount of \$132.00. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 10.409/0/1.058/3.533.

Motion passes.

3. Curriculum Report: There was no report.

4. Other Issues of Importance: D. Hodgdon reported the Principal Search Committee met and most of the members attended. They reviewed the process and procedure timeline. They will be meeting on the next three Thursdays and a recommendation should be ready for the Board on April 17, 2012.

D. Hodgdon reported changes had been made to the 2012-2013 calendar draft to comply with the contract. **MOTION:** P. Peterson. **MOVED** to accept the 2012-2013 school year calendar as presented. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 11.467/0/0/3.533. **Motion passes.**

6. BOARD CHAIR REPORT: There is no chair report.

7. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Community Relations Committee: This committee did not meet. B. Barlow thanked the Board for the input to the green sheet. The sheet will be going out soon.

2. Education Committee: P. Bauries reported K. Craig updated the committee on the NECAP results. The committee discussed incorporating more workshops. They do understand that the teachers want to be in the classrooms. J. Butterfield discussed the 3 Tier Diploma. He reported that students are signing up for advanced classes and looking for an advanced diploma. The pay to play issue is being discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2012.

3. Facilities Committee: E. Stanley reported the committee met on February 14, 2012. The committee discussed the Wilcox building. He explained the building is no longer under the grandfather clause. In order to use the building for classrooms it would have to be brought up to State code. D. LaPointe is talking to the Fire Chief to

discuss the use of the building for offices. D. LaPointe is going to discuss a spring clean up day with the elementary principals. Tony discussed the 2012 projects. The committee will meet on Feb. 28, 2012.

4. Finance Committee: P. Bauries reported J. Fortson brought a comparison of substitution pay for the area districts. The committee asked her for more information. Our district is in the ballpark. The Business Manager furnished the monthly expense report. D. LaPointe reported his ideas on how to utilize the funds for the 5th year of the project. He would like to expand the science rooms into the courtyard. It is only an idea right now. The committee will meet on March 7, 2012.

5. Policy Committee: L. Steadman informed the Board the committee did not meet but will be bringing 3 policies tonight for the Board to vote on. The committee will meet on Feb. 28, 2012.

6. Budget Committee Rep.: The Budget Committee did not meet.

7. Negotiations/Human Resources Committee: P. Bauries reported the negotiations with MAPS is going very well. They are ready to formalize the language and bring it back to the School Board on March 7, 2012.

8. Cheshire Career Center: L. Steadman reported the CCC held their annual advisory dinner. She was not able to attend but explained the typical evening.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

1. SAU #38 Meeting: R. Thackston explained the Board will meet as soon as he has confirmation that we have resolved the financial issues and closed the books. Winchester has failed to set up accounts with the State of NH. SAU #38 has been receiving checks for Fruit and Vegetables. The Business Manager has contacted the Business Manager in Winchester. R. Thackston would like to set aside attorney's fees to file the dissolution papers. R. Thackston suggested \$2000.00 to close everything. Anything left would be split in the way it was received.

2. SAU #93 Meeting: R. Thackston would like to have the performance reviews on the agenda and the SAU #93 Handbook. D. Hodgdon and R. Thackston will have a conversation regarding the performance reviews to set a date for the meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motions from Facilities Committee: There are no motions.

2. Motions from Policy Committee: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accepted Policy IC School Year/School Calendar as amended. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **VOTE:** 11.467/0/0/3.533. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy IGCf Parental Objections to Specific Course Material as amended. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 10.368/0/1.099/3.533. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to accept Policy DID Fixed Assets as amended. **SECOND:** B. Barlow. **DISCUSSION:** L. Steadman explained this was asked for by the Budget Committee. It was discussed in the Default Meeting. After discussion from the Board they decided to table the motion. **MOTION:** P. Bauries **MOVED** to table the motion. **SECOND:** P. Peterson. **VOTE:** 11.467/0/0/3.533. **Motion passes.**

MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** on behalf of the Policy Committee to delete Policy ID School Day. **SECOND:** M. Blair. **VOTE:** 11.467/0/0/3.533. **Motion passes.**

4. Motions from the Finance Committee: There are no motions.

a. Action on the Manifest: **MOTION:** B. Barlow **MOVED** the manifest in the amount of \$1,201,260.08. **SECOND:** P. Bauries. **VOTE:** 11.467/0/0/3.533. **Motion passes.**

10. SETTING NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA:

1. SAU #93 Meeting

11. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

12. Motion to adjourn: **MOTION:** E. Jacod **MOVED** to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:44 PM. **SECOND:** P. Peterson **VOTE:** 11.467/0/0/3.533. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording secretary